



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES C. MCKAY

Chief Master Sergeant James C. McKay is assigned as the Command Chief, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin. Chief McKay's mission is to advocate on behalf of the Wing's enlisted force to ensure issues with their readiness, professional development, training, and quality of life are addressed.

Chief McKay entered the Army National Guard in July of 1985. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina followed by technical training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. After serving seven years as an avionics mechanic, he transferred to the Air National Guard in January of 1993. Before assuming his current position, he served as a telephone systems specialist, ground radio technician, Chief of Maintenance, operations branch superintendent, communications Chief Enlisted Manager, and Group Superintendent. He assumed his current position in March of 2016.

He has participated in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM.



EDUCATION

1985 Army Basic Military Training, Fort Jackson, SC
1986 Avionics Mechanic Course, Fort Gordon, GA
1988 Associate in Applied Science, Electronic Technology, Madison Area Technical College
1988 Army Noncommissioned Officer Primary Leadership Development Course, Wisconsin Military Academy
1991 Army Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Wisconsin Military Academy
1996 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL, by correspondence
1998 Communications-Electronics career advancement course, Keesler AFB, MS
2001 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL, by correspondence
2008 Certified Information Systems Security Professional preparatory course
2009 CompTIA Security+ preparatory course and certification
2014 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA, by correspondence
2014 ANG Chief Master Sergeant Executive Course, Joint Base Andrews, MD
2016 ANG Command Chiefs Orientation Course, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1986 – December 1992, Avionics Mechanic, 147th Aviation Battalion, Madison WI
2. January 1993 – May 1995, Telephone Systems Specialist, 115th Communications Flight, Madison WI
3. May 1995 – May 1998, Ground Radio Technician, 115th Communications Flight, Madison WI
4. May 1998 – November 2003, NCOIC Ground Radio Maintenance, 115th Communications Flight, Madison WI
5. November 2003 – April 2008, Chief of Maintenance, 115th Communications Flight, Madison WI
6. April 2008 – April 2014, Operations Chief, 115th Communications Flight, Madison WI (October 2009 - February 2010, Chief Enlisted Manager, 380th ECS, Al Dhafra Airbase, United Arab Emirates)
7. January 2014 – November 2015, Chief Enlisted Manager, 115th Communications Flight, Madison WI

8. December 2015 – February 2016, Group Superintendent, 115th Mission Support Group, Madison WI
ASSIGNMENTS Cont.

9. March 2016 – Present, Command Chief, 115th Fighter Wing, Madison WI

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one device

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard, Life Member

Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association, Life Member

Air Force Sergeants Association

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Staff Sergeant January 9, 1993

Technical Sergeant January 9, 1995

Master Sergeant June 1, 1998

Senior Master Sergeant December 15, 2003

Chief Master Sergeant November 1, 2007

(Current as of March 2016)